

THE WEATHER Washington, Jan. 3.—Snow; probably fair tonight and Saturday, much colder.

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POLICE TO FREE ANARCHIST HELD AFTER BOMBINGS

No Evidence Found Connecting Moore With Outrages, Authorities Admit Working on New Clue New York Radicals, Missing, May Have Committed Crimes in City

Edward Moore, the only man under arrest in connection with investigation of Monday night's bomb outrages, will be released from custody today or tomorrow.

It was said at police headquarters today that every clue has been run down, and that nothing has been found to implicate him in the explosions which wrecked three homes and damaged several others.

Although Moore is boastful of the fact that he is an I. W. W., they say, nothing has been learned to show that he has ever done anything violent. Letters found in his home have shown that he was in close touch with draft dodgers and conscientious objectors in army camps, but nothing else.

Another development in the investigation of the bomb plots today was the announcement that several ultra-radicals who make their headquarters in New York are missing from that city. The police are not overlooking the possibility that they may be implicated in the explosions here and may even now be in the city in hiding.

The police are working on the theory that there was a small party of bombers and that they used automobile to make the rounds of the three houses Monday night. The belief is expressed that they went first to the Ernest T. Trigg home, then to the home of Captain Mills's apartment, and then to the home of Justice von Moschisch.

Every taxicab driver in the city has been questioned and none has been found who made the trip. As a result the police are forced to the conclusion that some Philadelphia member of the I. W. W., who owned a car drove the bombers around, acting as guide.

To hear out this theory that Trigg's home was bombed because he was connected with the Chamber of Commerce, the police revealed the fact that in the last two or three weeks violent attacks have been made against the chamber in meetings of radicals here.

At these meetings, commercial organizations throughout the country were blamed for the conviction of Thomas Moore, the man who was arrested as a bomb thrower, who is serving a life sentence. Chambers of Commerce were accused by speakers of raising funds to help stamp out I. W. W. organizations.

Record of Speech The police believe it is significant that the bombing of the Trigg home followed within two or three weeks of these speeches. The latest of these addresses was made at the Lyceum Hall two weeks ago, when the speaker, who was identified by a radical whose name was not disclosed, is in the hands of the police and Federal authorities.

Captain Scudder today said that he cannot disclose any details of the investigation of last Monday's bomb outrages is progressing favorably.

RESCUING TROOPS FROM STRANDED TRANSPORT NORTHERN PACIFIC



Coast guards rushing to the rescue of soldiers brought ashore in a lifeboat from the grounded transport Northern Pacific. Battling against an angry sea, which capized three of their boats, coast guards and sailors from nearby twenty naval craft had by nightfall, yesterday, taken safely to shore seven-hundred and twenty-two of the 2480 homeward-bound soldiers aboard the transport.

COMMITTEE OF 13 TO ACQUIT SKIPS

Body Named by P. R. T. Head Expected to Exonerate System MAY EXTEND INQUIRY

The committee of thirteen, in executive session today, is expected to frame a report on skip-stops that will be satisfactory to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The report is expected to be, in effect, that the committee has received no evidence of loss of life directly attributable to skip-stops.

Under the ruling of Chairman W. D. B. Ainey, the investigation of the committee named by President Mitten, of the Transit Company, has so far been confined to casualties. As members of families of persons killed or maimed in traffic accidents declined to give evidence before the body the report will be framed upon the small amount of evidence obtained.

Coroner Knight, after once appearing before the committee and discussing the unusual number of deaths that have been occasioned by trolley accidents, failed to show up at later meetings.

May Delay Report One question to be decided today is whether to continue the investigation with a view to ascertaining the effect of the skip-stops upon service and convenience. Chairman Ainey has repeatedly said this phase would be taken up after casualties were gone into. If the investigation is continued the report covering the fatal accidents may not be made public at this time.

Business organizations affiliated with the United Business Men's Association oppose skip-stops on the ground of inconvenience and have had representatives present at committee meetings in the hope of having this phase of the subject discussed. Both times they have been rebuffed by Chairman Ainey and no evidence has been submitted or arguments allowed.

Report on Evidence Edward B. Gleason, president of Common Council and a member of the committee, in speaking of the investigation, said that the committee do not return a report on the evidence before it.

150 MORE TAKEN OFF STRANDED TRANSPORT

Men Swarm Down Ship's Side Into Rescuing Submarine Chaser—Life Guards Making Gallant Battle

Fire Island, N. Y., Jan. 3.—One hundred and fifty more troops were removed from the stranded transport Northern Pacific shortly after 9 a. m. today when submarine chaser No. 293 went to the leeward of the transport, took the soldiers aboard and conveyed them to the Mallory, a transport with the rescuing fleet.

On two ladders and three ropes the men swarmed down the ship's side into the submarine chaser. Meanwhile, powerboats reached the Northern Pacific and into these twelve men in stretchers were lowered and taken to the hospital ship Solace.

Three other powerboats took on soldiers and pushed off toward other vessels. With the first ray of light today rescuing parties left their improvised lodgings and assembled on the beach in the pouring rain prepared to resume the task, abandoned yesterday at nightfall.

Since the vessel went aground men have fallen incessantly, imposing additional hardship on the rescuers, and this morning was unrelieved by a heavy rain. When the coast-guard life savers assembled on the beach they found the sea running further in and the surf breaking higher than yesterday over the transport. The wind was veering to the northeast. The ship had worked further in during the night, but because it was high water this morning her distance

SON OF MAYOR GIVES GLENSIDE "BOMB" SCARE

Thomas B. Smith, Jr., Fires Shotgun From Bedroom and Alarms Countrywide

Mayor Smith's son gave Glenside a scare and started a wild bomb rumor when he opened a window of his room and fired a shotgun into the still night air.

Everything was peaceful and quiet around the Mayor's country home last night when Thomas B. Smith, Jr., sixteen years old, found a loaded shotgun. He thought it would be a good joke and create a little excitement if he would fire it. There was plenty of excitement for a time, but members of the household and men hired by the Mayor to guard the place failed to appreciate the joke.

TWO NEGROES SHOT TO DEATH

Another Seriously Wounded in South Street Pistol Fight

BIG CLOTH THEFT IN GERMANTOWN

\$8000 Worth of Material Carried Away in Motortruck ESCAPE IN AUTOMOBILE

Eight thousand dollars' worth of cloth was stolen from the tailor establishment of W. B. Thomas, Germantown avenue and Church lane, early this morning by thieves who loaded the cloth into a motortruck and drove off in a touring car after the truck had gone ahead.

Mrs. Thomas, whose bedroom is immediately over the store, was aroused about 2 o'clock this morning by noises in front of the house. She looked out the window and saw three men busily loading her husband's stock into a motortruck. The goods were passed out through the front door by persons on the inside.

She roused her husband and he went downstairs immediately, but the robbers had made their escape. Virtually all the stock of the more valuable cloths had been taken. The thieves had evidently been expert judges of cloth value since they took no cloth worth less than \$4.50 a yard, although there were hundreds of yards of less valuable materials in the store.

From Fire Island the men will have to be transferred by boat to Bayshore, following a long and winding channel across the Great South Bay. Sick and wounded who are found to be unable to finish the journey to New York will be carried on stretchers into cottages commandeered for the purpose and then attended by medical officers, nurses and hospital orderlies, who to the number of 150 have been transferred to Fire Island from Hoboken. Red Cross workers and the United States Army Medical Corps service have also opened impromptu canteens in several shanties, where "walking cases" and the more able-bodied will be supplied with hot coffee and food.

VICTIM TOSSED 100 FEET IN AIR BY LOCOMOTIVE

One Killed, Several Injured as Train and Truck Collide Near Camden

One man was killed and several persons slightly injured today, when an express train on the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad struck a heavy Emergency Fleet Corporation truck at the Browning road crossing, between Collingswood and Camden, this morning.

MRS. CASTLE MAY WED FLIER

Dancer Reported Engaged to Friend of Late Husband

New York, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Vernon Castle is engaged to be married—perhaps, Her fiancé—perhaps—is Tom Powers, of the Royal Flying Corps, but now appearing in "Oh, Boy!" in London.

ROME GREET'S WILSON; CITY'S BIGGEST CROWD SHOUTS GLAD "VIVAS"

Prospects Brighten for Peace Agreement Entire Accord of This Country and Allies Regarded More Hopefully—Wilson Clarifies Situation

By WALTER DURANTY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by New York Times Co. Paris, Jan. 3.—There is a widespread feeling here that the events of the last month greatly cleared the air as regards the Peace Conference, which is now looked forward to much more hopefully than it was at the beginning of December.

It may now be admitted that considerable anxiety then existed as to President Wilson's attitude, which many persons feared would be difficult to accord with the views known to be held by the French Government.

As the same time Clemenceau's own position was thought to be insecure, and there were rumors of a possible difficulty with England over the Syrian question, which a strongly imperialist article on the subject in Briand's review, in France, and the confident prognostications from his friends that the ex-premier was soon to be a member of the cabinet, did not tend to allay.

The situation was further complicated by the uncertainty about the result of the British election, so to speak generally, the best informed opinion was decidedly tinged with pessimism.

There remains one cause of anxiety of a wholly external character, the condition of affairs in Russia and Germany. There is a growing feeling that there was no tendency on his part to assume the role of dictator, as some of them had feared.

Clemenceau's striking victory in the Chamber, coupled with Lloyd George's overwhelming majority, has settled the doubts whether they could come to the Peace Conference armed with mandates from their own people.

Finally, Clemenceau's virtual repudiation of Briand when he referred vehemently to the attempt made to foist upon him an unwelcome collaborator, has done much to enhance the probability that the French and British interests in the Near East will be reconciled to the satisfaction of both sides.

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POSTSCRIPT

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Italy's Rulers Meet President's Party at Station

ETERNAL CITY IN GALA ARRAY Reception Held at Quirinal After Procession in Packed Streets

THOUSANDS OF TROOPS SALUTE EXECUTIVE Journey From Frontier to Italian Capital Was Trip of Triumph

WILL TALK TO PEOPLE Nation's Chief Will Make His Important Address at Dinner Tonight

Rome, Jan. 3.—President Wilson's special train arrived at the station here punctually at 10:30 this morning. A tremendous cheer went up as the train stopped in front of the royal waiting room. The President alighted on the rug-covered platform and was heartily greeted by King Victor Emmanuel, Queen Elena and the Duchess d'Aosta.

Mrs. Wilson also was cordially received by the royal couple and their retinue. Contingents of war veterans saluted and an American military band played the "Star Spangled Banner" as officers stood at attention and civilians bared their heads.

The reception was a magnificent echo of the greeting that had been given the presidential party along the whole route from Paris to Rome. As the train, decorated with the Stars and Stripes, passed through each village, the inhabitants, waiting beside the tracks, gave the President an ovation. These receptions had been growing in fervor since daybreak.

Chats With King Victor When all the presentations had been made at the station, the President and the King, chatting merrily, walked to the edge of the platform and inspected the troops lined up there. They were accompanied by the Prince of Udine, American Ambassador Page and Italian Ambassador Cellere.

The American embassy staff, the British and Japanese ambassadors and American military officials stood grouped around the threshold of the waiting room, under decorations of American and Allied flags, which also covered every smoke-blackened pillar in the station.

After inspection of the guard of honor the President and his party spent ten minutes shaking hands with this second group of officials. Then they entered the royal carriages.

Rome's Biggest Crowd Cheers As the carriages rolled out of the station the President was given a rousing greeting by British and American officers, American Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. workers and representatives of every American military mission in Rome, who were grouped about the exit.

At the same time the commander of the Rome garrison gave a sharp order, which hundreds of officers repeated and more than five thousand soldiers presented arms, while one of the largest crowds Rome has ever seen massed behind the troops, gave the President the city's popular welcome.

The largest square appeared to be a solid mass of waving flags. Crowds thronged the streets and adorned the windows of every building, especially the windows of the Hotel Continental and the Prince Massimo's Colosseum.

The President, deeply touched by the demonstration, remained with hat in hand for several minutes. In the first carriage were the King's aides and Rear Admiral Grayson. In the second were the King and the President, while the third contained the Queen, Mrs. Wilson and the Duchess d'Aosta. The latter two vehicles were surrounded by the King's bodyguard of mounted cuirassiers. A number of other carriages and automobiles followed, bearing members of the suites and cabinet members.

EMBARGO PLACED ON FOREIGN FREIGHT HERE NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Shipment of all classes of freight, and particularly foodstuffs intended for American troops abroad and Europe's starving people, was embargoed from other parts of the country through the ports of Boston, Philadelphia and New York, for export, by order of the Federal Food Administration today.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Herbert Hoover has been designated director general of food relief measures in restored neutral and enemy territories it was officially announced today.

2 DEATHS START ANTIGUN DRIVE M'ADOO OUTLINES RAILROAD VIEWS

Confiscate 59 Revolvers and Owners Are Fined \$10 AIR RIFLES ALSO TAKEN WOULD TRY OUT REFORM

Determination to prevent the prohibition use of firearms is being shown by the police. Stirred to action by the deaths of two persons on New Year's Eve, the police and the Home Defense Reserves have since arrested fifty men and confiscated as many revolvers.

The crusade against firearms has spread to all sections of the city. Several hundred air rifles used by small boys were confiscated today. Parents desiring their return will be obliged by the police to go to the Bureau of City Property at City Hall.

Magistrate Pennock commended the Home Defense Reserves for their activity against persons using revolvers indiscriminately and fined each person arrested \$10. A lesson like this is necessary, he said, to remind persons that the law must be obeyed.

The danger to human life and the damage done to property caused the police to start the crusade against the air rifle. In West Philadelphia, especially, much damage has been done by these toy guns.

Following orders issued by Lieutenant George Smiley of the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station, patrolmen of that district confiscated more than 200 air rifles. They stopped many juvenile battles and in several instances caused tears.

By the Associated Press Washington, Jan. 3.—Accomplishments of railroad under Federal control in the last twelve months and arguments for a five-year continuance of government operation to provide a fair test of unified direction were recited today by Director General McAdoo, testifying before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, which took up consideration of his recommendation for extension of control to 1924.

Mr. McAdoo read a prepared statement, more than 15,000 words in length, constituting a comprehensive review of conditions under Federal management. He planned to take most of the day in presenting the testimony—probably the last public statement of his stewardship of railroad matters before retiring as director general.

After being reforms effected under unified control, the director general said: "I believe that even under the handicaps of war conditions a sufficient showing has been made to indicate that all the reforms I have mentioned are desirable as permanent peace measures. Yet it is clear that the general public has not had an opportunity to appreciate this and to weigh the real value of what has been accomplished. In view of the far-reaching importance of any solution of the railroad question which may be adopted, the public is entitled to have, before the present Federal control shall be terminated, a reasonably fair test under peace conditions of the advantages to be derived from these reforms.

WERE YOU ON THAT TRAIN? Pretty Main Line Eyes Compensate for Signal Trouble

Well, we got in at last, anyway. The brisk little conductor, the chap with the happy morning smile, said there was something wrong with the signal lights.

His train, an electric from Paoli, is due at Broad street at 9:45 each morning. Today it arrived at 10:30. It did the hesitation all the way in.

Lord Fitzhugh Lee That's the mysterious individual Big Business used to manipulate the meanest game imaginable.

Did He Succeed? Well, he came so near it that it makes you flesh creep. Luckily the hero is one of the red-blooded kind; the heroine, the sweetest girl you ever knew, has lots of grit, and wickedness is foiled.

It Is Great Stuff Dramatic without being melodramatic, "Flower of the North" is a fine story. It will begin next Monday in the Evening Public Ledger

GERMAN PROBE HALTED Senate Committee Awaits Department of Justice Witness

Washington, Jan. 3.—(By A. P.)—The meeting of the Senate committee investigating German propaganda, arranged for today, was postponed.

Charles H. Dewdney, of the Department of Justice, who was to have testified, then asked to see his data and the committee adjourned until Tuesday.

Hangs Himself by His Feet Wilmington, Del., Jan. 3.—Choosing the unusual method of hanging by the feet, William Downs, twenty-four years old of Delaware City, a patient at the county hospital at Farnhurst, committed suicide yesterday. He had stuck his feet through the bars at the top of his cell and then set go. He died of exhaustion a few minutes after being taken down by guards.

SAVED FROM GAS BY TOWEL Altona Soldier Also Buried Head in Army Blanket

A Turkish towel and an army blanket saved the lives of Private Robert McMillin, Company "C", 10th Infantry, and wounded companion during a German gas attack.

McMillin's home is in Altona, but he is living with friends at 2318 Fell street. On the night of July 16 McMillin went with a party to take rations to the front. They were attacked by German gas and all but two of their thirty-five horses were killed. He and his wounded companion managed to get away to a little hut. Hardly had they reached the shelter before the gas was launched. McMillin used an old Turkish towel over his companion's nose and mouth and buried himself in an army blanket.

EVERYBODY CHEER! Now this all, and fair tonight! We can't be in the clover, though cold it be the prospect's bright—

For, anyhow, the rain is over!

When you think of writing, think of THE LITTLE... 440.